

# SHARK ANGLING CLUB of GREAT BRITAIN

## FINAL REPORT FOR 1959

Members will probably remember the 1959 season as one of the best in the Club's history. The weather was perfect throughout, and although the number of sharks caught, 5,274, did not quite reach the number caught in 1958, some excellent fish were landed, including one World and two British records.

As early as the 9th June Mr. Hazlewood landed a 191 blue, beating the then existing record by 37 lbs. This new record "went for a burton" on the 5th July, when Mr. Nigel Sutcliffe brought in a magnificent specimen of 218 lbs. On the 16th July Mr. Melhuish displaced Mrs. Eathorne as the British Mako record holder by landing a mako of 372 lbs. Miss Patsy McKim pulled off the World record on the 30th July, with a 144 lbs. blue (Women's 80 lbs. B/S class). Brig. Caunter really put the lid on with a superb 268 lbs. Thresher, the first ever to be landed in Looe.

It was a pity that the sharks temporarily deserted us in September, due, some people think, to the prevailing easterly winds. They arrived back again in mid-October, when very large numbers were brought in, unfortunately too late to be included in the season's catch.

**Shark Tagging.** It is pleasing to note that the boat skippers gave enthusiastic support to the scheme, as set out in the summer report, and approximately 200 sharks were successfully tagged. Of this number only one has since been recaptured.

**New weighing site.** The new position provided by the Harbour Commissioners has proved to be completely satisfactory, and the large crowds who daily witnessed the procedure in no way hampered the movement of traffic.

**Weighing certificates.** This innovation met with enthusiastic support, and 250 certificates were issued during the season. The conditions for weighing are as follows:—

For members: Free without the issue of certificate; 2/- per fish when certificate is wanted.

For non-members: 2/- for each fish weighed.

**Membership.** The rate of increase has further accelerated during the 1959 season—the wastage rate is down, and the total membership has now reached 614.

**The Spring Dinner and Dance,** at the Café Royal, London, was attended by over 200 members and guests. A most enjoyable evening was the opinion expressed by all, and it can be stated with certainty that the coming Spring Dinner, also expected to take place at the Café Royal, on Friday, 6th May, 1960, will attract an even great attendance. Arrangements for this have not

yet been completed, and your Committee is now considering ways and means to improve the meal itself, at perhaps an increase of 2/6 per head to 30/-. Details of this function will be circulated later, when all arrangements have been completed.

**The Annual Dinner** was held this year at the Hannaford Point Hotel. The hotel was packed to capacity, but this fact did not in any way detract from a most pleasurable evening. A general feeling was expressed by all that the dinner surpassed in quality any previous similar function. The dance which followed attracted quite a large number of guests from the bars, and this fact probably accounted for the very few people who fell by the wayside.

**Annual General Meeting.** The attendance was disappointingly small. Before commencing business, one minute's silence was observed as a token of the loss incurred by the Club by the lamentable deaths of our late President, Mr. Mitchell Hedges, and Mr. Marsden Sutcliffe.

**Election of President.** In proposing Brig. Caunter for this office, Mr. Orcutt paid tribute to the Brigadier's untiring efforts for the Club ever since its inception — of his excellent work to further the Club's interests — and of the certainty that, if elected to the Presidency, he would in no way relax these efforts. The proposition was received with applause, and Brig. Caunter was unanimously elected.

**Election of Committee.** Mr. Orcutt, who will be abroad for some considerable time, did not offer himself for re-election. Two nominations were made, Mr. A. M. Simpson and Mr. R. H. Ives. Mr. Simpson was elected by a majority vote.

**Chairman and Vice-Chairman.** At a meeting of the Committee held on the 14th November, Mr. E. C. Were was unanimously elected to this office. To those members who know him — and most do — the news of Edgar's appointment will give the greatest possible pleasure. Mr. W. C. Butters was elected Vice-Chairman.

**Accounts and Balance Sheet.** A copy of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1959, appears elsewhere in this report. From these it will be seen that the Club's financial progress is in step with its sporting activities. We have been able to spend more on the provision of prizes for trophy winners than ever before, have devoted a considerable sum to subsidise the two Dinners (as against one in previous years) and withall the excess of income over expenditure is still substantial. The Hon. Secretary/Treasurer will present these accounts for adoption at the next Annual General Meeting, and in the meantime would be glad of any observations by members.



## TROPHY WINNERS, 1959

### MITCHELL HEDGES

Best Shark of year

Winner: G. W. Hazlewood, 198 lbs. Blue

Runner-up: W. E. Buttle, 343 lbs. Mako

### ALAN CAUNTER

Best Shark by lady member

Winner: Mrs. H. Eathorne, 117 lbs. Blue

Runner-up: Mrs. H. Eathorne, 116 lbs. Blue

### NORMAN LORRAINE

Best Blue Shark

Winner: G. W. Hazlewood, 198 lbs.

Runner-up: J. Eathorne, 134 lbs.

### "SAMMY" PORBEAGLE

Best Porbeagle

Winner: J. J. Holmes, 114 lbs.

### SERCOMBE OLIVER

Best Mako

Winner: W. E. Buttle, 343 lbs.

### MARTINI ROSSI

Best Thresher

Winner: Brig. J. A. L. Caunter

### ORCUTT

Heaviest single-handed catch

Winner: R. H. Ives, 103 lbs.

Runner-up: R. H. Ives, 80 lbs.

### R. C. ROBERTS

Best qualifying Shark

Winner: N. Sutcliffe, 218 lbs. Blue

### S.A.C.G.B.

Member landing most Sharks of 100 lbs. or more

Winner: Mrs. H. Eathorne, 4

### VENNING

Most outstanding or unusual catch of the year

Winner: Brig. J. A. L. Caunter

### AUGER

First catch of 100 lbs. or over

Winner: R. P. Fisher, 24/10/58

### DAPHNE CASE

Best Blue Shark caught in Looe waters by local resident

Winner: Brig. J. A. L. Caunter, 106 lbs.

### COCK OF THE FLEET

Boat with largest number of Sharks

Winner: "Irene," 472

Runner-up: "Vathalla," 455

**LOOE FISHERMEN'S PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

Owner of Boat winning Cock of the Fleet Trophy  
Winner: R. Pengelly, 472      Runner-up: J. Soady, 455

**T. CLARK**

Highest average daily catch (40 trips to qualify)  
Winner: R. Pengelly, 4.76      Runner-up: R. Butters, 4.45

**PAT SUTCLIFFE GLASS TANKARD WITH £10**

Boatman qualifying most new members  
Winner: C. A. H. Butters, 20

**BOATMAN'S PRIZES**

Boatman with outstanding catch

Abb. Dingle, 218 lbs. Blue      B. Dingle, 372 lbs. Mako  
F. Pryn, 268 lbs. Thresher      J. Butters, 198 lbs. Blue  
J. Symons, 343 lbs. Mako and 144 lbs. Blue (Women's World Record)

**PLAQUES**

Best Shark of the Month

June ... .. G. W. Hazlewood, 198 lbs. Blue  
July ... .. J. Eathorne, 134 lbs. Blue  
August ... .. Brig. J. A. L. Caunter, 268 lbs. Thresher  
September ... .. J. Garrard, 106 lbs. Blue  
October ... .. S. W. Parnell, 106 lbs. Blue

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

Mrs. Daphne Case — World Record Blue, 1956  
"Marsden Sutcliffe" Trophy, Best Shark by juvenile under 16  
Miss C. Simpson, 100 lbs. Blue

**OBITUARY**

**R. C. ROBERTS**

**S. C. C. G. R.**

**F. J. J. J.**

**W. J. J. J.**

**DAPHNE CASE**

**COCK OF THE FLEET**

# NOTABLE FISH LIST, 1959

## BLUE SHARKS

Sutcliffe, N. ... .. 218 lbs.	Thompson, J. D. ... .. 112 lbs.
Hazlewood, G. W. ... .. 198 "	Dallas, D. S. ... .. 112 "
Marks, H. ... .. 191 "	Levinson, N. ... .. 111 "
McKim, Miss P. ... .. 144 "	Eathorne, Mrs. H. ... .. 110 "
Davenport, R. H. ... .. 140 "	Holmes, J. J. ... .. 109 "
Ardley, D. H. ... .. 140 "	Warner, A. G. ... .. 108 "
Crocker, F. H. ... .. 134 "	Eathorne, Mrs. H. ... .. 108 "
Eathorne, J. ... .. 134 "	Wonnall, M. A. ... .. 107 "
Gorst, H. ... .. 132 "	Briggs, M.A. ... .. 107 "
Axel-Berg, D. ... .. 130 "	Barden, A. J. ... .. 107 "
Bevan, H. N. ... .. 124 "	Parnell, S. W. ... .. 106 "
Readman, R. V. ... .. 123 "	Garrard, J. M. G. ... .. 106 "
Benge-Abbott, S. J. ... .. 121 "	Caunter, Brig. J. A. L. ... .. 106 "
Eathorne, J. ... .. 121 "	Glover, D. ... .. 105 "
Lewzey, E. H. ... .. 121 "	Durbin, J. ... .. 105 "
Ricketts, H. D. ... .. 120 "	Bravery, C. V. ... .. 105 "
Wallis, A. ... .. 120 "	Rutter, H. E. ... .. 104 "
Black, D. W. ... .. 119 "	Maitland, D. B. ... .. 104 "
Burrows, S. E. A. ... .. 119 "	Ives, R. H. ... .. 104 "
Tyrell, N. ... .. 119 "	Hardaker, A. ... .. 104 "
Wallace, G. J. ... .. 118 "	Halse, M. ... .. 104 "
Cragg, S. A. ... .. 117 "	Ives, R. H. ... .. 103 "
Eathorne, Mrs. H. ... .. 117 "	Howe, P. H. A. ... .. 103 "
Sutherland, J. ... .. 116 "	Wilwers, J. P. ... .. 102 "
Martin, Mrs. M. A. ... .. 116 "	Jackson, J. B. ... .. 102 "
Gardner, W. S. F. ... .. 116 "	Watts, H. J. ... .. 101 "
Eathorne, Mrs. H. ... .. 116 "	Jones, G. H. ... .. 101 "
Caunter, F. Lyde ... .. 114 "	Hosp, V. W. ... .. 101 "
D'Aeth, C. E. P. H. ... .. 114 "	Colbourne, A. V. ... .. 101 "
Robinson, J. P. ... .. 113 "	Allum, D. C. ... .. 101 "
Douglas, A. H. ... .. 113 "	Andrews, W. J. L. ... .. 100 "
O'Brien, G. ... .. 112 "	Simpson, Miss C. M. ... .. 100 "

## THRESHER SHARK

Caunter, Brig. J. A. L. ... .. 268 lbs.

## MAKO SHARKS

Melhuish, A. E. ... .. 372 lbs.	Bowler, G. S. ... .. 251 lbs.
Buttle, W. E. ... .. 343 "	

## CLUB BADGES, ETC.

The following items are in stock at the prices shewn:—

	£	s.	d.
Club Blazer Badge ... ..	2	10	0
Club Tie—Blue, Green or Maroon ... ..		15	6
Club Bow Tie—Blue, Green or Maroon ... ..		6	6
Club Burgee ... ..	2	5	0
Club Lapel Badge ... ..		3	9
Club Car Badge ... ..	3	10	0
Club Gold Shark Tie Pin ... ..	2	15	0
Club Gold Burgee Tie Pin ... ..	4	10	0
Club Gold and Enamel Burgee Brooch ... ..	7	10	0
Club Button-hole Gold and Enamel Burgee Badge ... ..	5	10	0
Club Cap Badge ... ..	1	7	6
Club Lady's Scarf ... ..		7	6



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## EMBLEMS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1959

1958		1959	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
212	11 3	616	19 3
503	0 6	293	9 11
194	17 5	293	9 11
To Stock, 31st December, 1958		By Emblems sold	
Purchases		" Stock, 31st December, 1959	
Balance to Income and Expenditure Account			
£910	9 2	£1230	0 1

1958		1959	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
9	9 0	194	17 5
4	10 0	2	2 0
44	14 6	607	16 0
70	8 11	450	14 0
4	8 6	22	12 5
To Audit Fee		By Emblems Account	
Casual Help		Affiliation Fees	
Commission		Entrance Fees	
Annual Dinner (London)		Subscriptions	
Spring Dinner (London)		Deposit Interest	
Travelling Expenses			
Gratuities			
Income Tax, 1957/8, 1958/9, 1959/60			
Insurance			
Lapel Badges (free)			
Postage and Telephone			
Printing and Stationery			
Prizes			
Rent, Light and Heat			
Secretary/Treasurer Honorarium			
Sundry Expenses			
Weighing Charges			
Income in excess of Expenditure transferred to Capital Account			
£1278	1 10	£1476	3 10

£1476 3 10

£1278 1 10

£1476 3 10

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1959

LIABILITIES.

1958	1958.	1958.	1958.	1958.	ASSETS.	1958.	1958.	1958.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
9 9 0	551 0 0	9 9 0	293 9 11	9 9 0	Trophies	551 0 0	9 9 0	9 9 0
85 11 6	293 9 11	21 10 6	67 9 6	21 10 6	Stock—	527 19 7	21 10 6	21 10 6
29 7 9	67 9 6	—	—	—	Emblems	56 15 0	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	Prizes	584 14 7	—	—
1 15 0	3 6 7	25 0 0	3 6 7	25 0 0	Sundry Debtors—	—	3 6 7	3 6 7
5 0 0	2 11 0	5 0 0	2 11 0	5 0 0	Payments in Advance	—	2 11 0	2 11 0
	4 10 0	—	4 10 0	—	Dinner Account	—	4 10 0	4 10 0
	—	—	—	—	Emblems Sold	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	Office Furniture	—	—	—
	—	2014 12 6	—	2014 12 6	Weighing Equipment	—	—	—
	—	Less Mitchell Hedges Cash	—	—	Cash at Bank—	—	—	—
	—	Award	—	—	Deposit Account	—	788 2 9	788 2 9
	—		—	—	Current Account	—	532 5 8	532 5 8
	—	1989 12 6	—	1989 12 6		—	—	—
	—	Add Income in excess of	—	—		—	—	—
	—	Expenditure	—	—		—	—	—
	—	2438 13 6	—	2438 13 6		—	—	—
2014 12 6	2145 15 9	2499 13 0	2145 15 9	2499 13 0		—	—	—
£2145 15 9	£2145 15 9	£2499 13 0	£2145 15 9	£2499 13 0		—	—	—

THOMAS CLARK, Hon. Treasurer.  
5th January, 1960.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain:—  
I report that I have audited the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account and I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are in accordance with the books and give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club at the 31st December, 1959, and the Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

GEOFFREY W. PILLAR,  
Chartered Accountant, Plymouth.

7th January, 1960.

## BOATS

In 1959 there were too few boats to meet the demand, and it cannot be too strongly emphasised that members should, where possible, make advance bookings, with a small deposit.

Jack Bray and Tom Eathorne will again be acting as booking agents, and they are both happy to give members, and others, every assistance in making advance arrangements for boats, gear, etc. They both carry a wide range of rods, tackle and other equipment, and their cheerful, though sometimes optimistic, forecasts of the sport to be had are a pleasure to listen to.

The following boats and skippers are expected to be available in 1960 :

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|---------------|-----|---|
| BLOSSOM       | ... | J. Symonds, Chapel Ground, West Looe.             |
| BOBBY G.B.    | ... | A. Clements, 16 Woodlands View, West Looe.        |
| CAROLYN       | ... | J. Faulkner, 58 Woodlands View, West Looe.        |
| CLAIRE        | ... | R. Butters, 1 Shutta View, East Looe.             |
| GOLDEN SPRAY  | ... | F. Prynne, Heathcote, The Downs, West Looe.       |
| IRENE         | ... | R. Pengelly, St. Aubins, Hannafore, West Looe.    |
| LADY BETTY II | ... | A. Dingle, Spindrift, West Looe Hill.             |
| MAKO          | ... | To be appointed.                                  |
| MAXIE         | ... | R. Barnes, Bay View, Hannafore, West Looe.        |
| MAY QUEEN     | ... | Jack Moore, Woodlands View, West Looe.            |
| NAUTILUS      | ... | Bert Dingle, Bodgara, Shutta Road, West Looe.     |
| PAULA         | ... | Jack Butters, Ivangor, East Looe.                 |
| SEA BIRD      | ... | L. Butters, Lower Chapel Street, East Looe.       |
| SILVER SPRAY  | ... | E. Williams, Barbican, East Looe.                 |
| VALHALLA      | ... | J. Soady, Tower Hill, East Looe.                  |
| LADY BETTY I  | ... | R. H. Ives, Armadale, Court Road, Newton Ferrers. |
- (at Newton Ferrers)